



## MEETING

Minutes of meeting of the Full Parish Council held

**At 7pm on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

At The Village Barn, Eastern Way, Heath & Reach

Item No	Agenda	Reporting / Action
690	<b>INTRODUCTION:</b>	
690.1	Meeting Attendees: Cllrs Fitzpatrick ( Chair) Smith, Piciorus, Boyden, Bevan, O'Brien, Inns. Cllr Versallion, Clerk, incoming Clerk and eight members of the electorate in attendance. Clerk introduced Sue Grierson-Hill as the new clerk who will be taking over from 1 <sup>st</sup> April. Introduction of individual parish councillors were made to the public forum	
690.2	Apologies for Absence: Cllr Thyer - unwell	
690.3	Declarations of Interest: Cllrs Fitzpatrick & Smith item 694.3	
691.	<b>APPROVAL OF PARISH COUNCIL / COMMITTEE MINUTES:</b>	
681.1	Approval of Full Parish Council minutes February 2022 <b>Approved Cllr Fitzpatrick</b>	
682	<b>PUBLIC FORUM</b> – members of the public have a cumulative 15 minutes to address the Parish Council, no resolutions other than those on the agenda can be resolved from items raised in the public forum.	
682.1	Mr Fuller asked how the proposal to increase the speed limit for a short section of Woburn Road from 30mph to 40mph, came about. Cllr Fitzpatrick told the meeting that the Parish Council were not informed prior to the publication. It was established that the public were all there for the same issue so Cllr Versallion was asked to speak. He was also not informed of the consultation and his first knowledge was reading it in the LBO. Some months ago CBC highways proposed a number of traffic calming ideas for the village, eg raised tables, pinch points, one of them was moving the 40/30 speed limit, an officer suggested it should match up with	

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where there was likely to be a “gateway treatment” ie a noticeable entrance, the officer thought it would be more significant if traffic was asked to reduce from 40 to 30 at the gateway, and shortly after a raised table, which is marked for reprofiling. Cllr Versallion was not consulted but the proposal was passed to a traffic regulation order system and this led to a statutory obligation to place it in the local press. Cllr Versallion has investigated how this happened, there was an error as he, as ward councillor and the Parish Council, should have been consulted. He has pushed for the consultation to be withdrawn but for legal reasons this is not possible, police, fire, ambulance have all been included as legal consultees so the process now has to run its course. Cllr Versallion is confident that the overwhelming objection to the proposal will kill it off, if it does get to committee stage Cllr Versallion will try to kill it there. Mr Fuller said it was inconceivable that such a mistake should happen within the organisation, Cllr Versallion suggested human error of a junior officer, Cllr Fitzpatrick said there must have been a meeting where it was decided and the question is why Cllr Versallion was not present at that meeting. Cllr Versallion said there has been a shift in personnel at the organisation, including a key member leaving. Mr Fleming said the concern is that the idea was around in the first place, he also pointed out the bottom of Brickhill Road is a 40mph speed limit which is “ludicrous”; a lady from Brickhill Road asked why this was the case when there were houses and streetlights, Cllr Versallion said he understood it was an historical legacy of it being a rural road, the question is why it was not reduced to 30 instead of 40? Cllr Versallion said there will be a full traffic calming treatment proposal for the village, from the Church up to Brickhill Road and down Linslade Road, once this is ready the Parish will get an opportunity to influence and propose amendments. He was asked when this would happen, CBC have committed that in 22/23 financial year they will begin widening the pavement from the church to Pinkle Hill. Mr Reeves said the 40MPH sign is illegal, it should be at the top of Brickhill Road and this this should be sorted now. On Woburn Road the 30mph speed

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	<p>limit should be at Stone Lane quarry entrance. Mr Reeve said the proposal was nonsensical and he doubted the traffic officers ever come to the village. Furthermore, Mr Reeves said the application for the increase of lorry movements to 320 a day at Bryants Lane went through without question and the lorries come through at a minimum of 40mph to Reach Green. Mr Reeve asked that CBC leave Brickhill Road at 30 until the top of the hill. A lady who uses the bus said that crossing the road from the bus stop is very difficult at 30mph and at 40 will be dangerous, especially coming off the bus from Milton Keynes as there is no footpath. Cllr Boyden has lodged an objection on behalf of the parish council but said it cannot be assumed the proposal will be killed off and urged the public to lodge personal objections. Mr Reeve queried the consultation period, Cllr Versallion said it was 21 days, not 30 so that is correct. A lady said the bollards at the speed hump on Woburn Road, are often knocked over and not replaced for some time, causing a trip hazard. Cllr Versallion said in the overall plan, there is an agreement to reprofile the Green to give the lorries a better turning circle and the pavement is to be raised so the hump can be raised. Cllr Versallion confirmed the quarry is responsible for the cost of replacing the bollards. Cllr Fitzpatrick concluded the public forum by again asking people to object directly to CBC about the increased speed proposal and the parish council will do all they can to prevent it.</p>	
692.2	<p><b>Central Bedfordshire Councillor Mark Versallion Report Update:</b></p> <p>Cllr Versallion has requested the new <b>GDPR fly tipping cameras</b> be deployed at the fly tipping hotspots in the village. This has led to successful prosecutions the past.</p> <p>Financial contribution from the new developments surrounding Heath and Reach is soon due to be collected which will pay for physical traffic calming measures. There is a document being produced by CBC which will be publicly displayed for village comments There was a teams meeting today with CBC traffic office, Cllr Versallion and Parish council representatives where</p>	

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<p>692.2</p> <p>692.3</p>	<p>suggestions were made to CBC to refine some of the ideas on the table. Suggestions include pinch points, gate features, raised tables, pavement widening, more parking bays eg outside Red Lion Court. The village road was previously the A418, which is too wide for a village, hence the reasoning to widen the pavement, the narrowing of the road should slow down the traffic. Cllr Versallion will try and establish a publication for this date in the next few weeks.</p> <p><b>Speed Cameras</b> Clerk has already formally applied for average speed cameras in the village, CBC office today asked for a detailed plan from the suppliers, Gynoptic. Mr Fleming raised a concern about not only the speed of hgvs in the village but the physical weight, and the speed cameras would not impact on this. Cllr Boyden said the traffic calming process is a long one and the average speed cameras are a good start. The idea is to make the village an unattractive route for the cars from 1000s of house being built. A lady said that if HGVs are being driven inappropriately then a phone call to the quarries can be effective, Clerk also reminded there was an email address to send in reports to <a href="mailto:Rebecca.Clark@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk">Rebecca.Clark@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk</a></p> <p><b>Police Report:</b> Not yet received, Clerk will circulate</p> <p><b>CBC Highways officer</b> This meeting took place virtually this morning, as reported above.</p>	
<p>693</p> <p>693.1</p> <p>693.2</p> <p>693.3</p>	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING – for information only.</b></p> <p><b>Highways Speed</b> restrictions update. See above.</p> <p><b>Appointment of new Clerk Replacement:</b> Sue Grierson-Hill has been appointed, contract being prepared. Sue will use <a href="mailto:parish-clerk@heathandreach.org.uk">parish-clerk@heathandreach.org.uk</a>, Francesca will retain <a href="mailto:heathandreachpc@outlook">heathandreachpc@outlook</a> for Cemetery matters.</p> <p>Rushmere Liaison Cllr Inns has circulated notes</p>	

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694	<b>PARISH COUNCIL REPORT</b>	
694.1	<b>Cemetery Management Committee:</b> Meeting to follow	
694.2	<b>Finance Committee:</b> Clerk will prepare end of year accounts.	
694.3	<b>Planning &amp; Environment Committee:</b> Cllr Fitzpatrick withdrew from the room. Vandyke Tile Works, Miletree Road, LU7 9LA CB/22/00253/FULL Parish Council has no comment to make Heath Farm tree works CB/TCA/22/00021 Willow tree over hanging, works will change the shape of the tree. Parish Council has no comment to make. Location: Holly Tree Farm, 1 Leighton Road, CB/22/00434/FULL Previous application has been refused by CBC this is scaled down to two skylights. Parish Council has no comment to make.	
694.4	<b>Sports &amp; Recreation Committee</b> Meeting to follow	
695	<b>MATTERS FOR RESOLUTION</b>	
695.1	To approve the purchase of speed watch equipment not exceeding £2,400 plus VAT Handheld data capture device, Proposed by Cllr Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cllr Boyden. <b>It was resolved</b> Note Cllr Boyden has applied for a grant to subsidise the cost.	
695.2	To approve repair of zip wire not exceeding £1300 plus VAT Proposed by Cllr Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cllr Bevan. <b>It was resolved</b>	
696	<b>Village Matters</b>	
696.1	<b>Speed increase consultation Woburn Road:</b> As above. When asked about the wider plan Cllr Boyden said the meeting was not as informative as hoped, as there are key personnel unwell or unavailable. The PC did point out key areas, and proposals. CBC officer hoped to have an answer “in weeks” re the speed cameras. The wider traffic plan was not discussed at the meeting.	
696.2	<b>Queen’s Jubilee Party contribution:</b> Nigel Strofton, Chairman of Heath Village Barn is co-ordinating the celebration and has asked for a point of contact with the Parish Council. Cllr Piciorus has volunteered to act as liaison. The PC has been asked for a contribution of £1500 towards the party, to be put on the agenda	

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697	<b>FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION</b> Cashbook Summary & Bank Account Balances Current Account £16,614.58      Reserve Account £125,046.16 Markland Gardens                      £375.00 Reynolds Landscaping                  £345.60 Heath Village Barn                      £ 30.00 Creative Solutions                      £390.00 Francesca Sheppard                    £837.39 Francesca Sheppard                    £ 49.33  Direct Debits/Standing Orders Anglian Water                            £68.00 Waste Managed                          £90.00 British Gas                                £14.66 British Gas                                £623.40 Alan Ward                                 £43.33	
698	<b>Administration /OTHER MATTERS of interest</b> Cllr Fitzpatrick said there a fallen tree on a footpath on Bryants Lane, Cllr Boyden has already reported it on Fix My Street. Clerk has circulated an email from Nick Wormley about litter in the village.  Meeting Closed at 8.00pm	

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